

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method, apparatus, and article of manufacture provide the ability to specify and maintain a "location" for an object in a drawing program. A drawing is obtained in a drawing program. One or more objects are obtained in the drawing program. In
5 this regard, one or more of the is a collection of one or more graphical elements. For at least one of the objects, an automatic location property is defined. A value for the location property is obtained from property data of another object, area, or space where the object is "located" (which is based on the location property).

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